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## HOUSE BILL No. 1397

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**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18; IC 9-21; IC 9-29.

**Synopsis:** Private toll facilities. Authorizes the operator of a private toll facility to enforce toll violations (violation) through an automated traffic law enforcement system. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles (BMV) shall withhold the registration of a vehicle that was operated in the commission of a violation if the owner of the vehicle fails to pay applicable fines and charges and authorizes the BMV to impose a fee for reinstating the registration of a vehicle used in the commission of a violation. Provides that the operator of a private toll facility is not required to pay fees for certain BMV records.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 12, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2012,
- 2 SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 17. (a) Upon receiving the information under
- 4 section 16 of this chapter, the bureau shall:
- 5 (1) determine:
- 6 (A) the genuineness and regularity of the information; and
- 7 (B) that the person applying for registration is entitled to
- 8 register the vehicle;
- 9 (2) subject to subsection (b), register the vehicle described in the
- 10 application; and
- 11 (3) keep a record of the registration of the vehicle under a
- 12 distinctive registration number assigned to the vehicle in a
- 13 manner the bureau considers desirable for the convenience of the
- 14 bureau.
- 15 (b) Upon receiving notice, as described in IC 9-21-3.5-10(c), of the

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failure of an owner of a vehicle to pay a fine, charge, or other assessment for a toll violation documented under IC 9-21-3.5-12, the bureau shall withhold the annual registration of the vehicle that was used in the commission of the toll violation until the owner pays the fine, charge, or other assessment, plus any applicable fees, to:

- (1) the bureau; or
- (2) the appropriate authority under IC 9-21-3.5 that is responsible for the collection of fines, charges, or other assessments for toll violations under IC 9-21-3.5.

If the owner pays the fine, charge, or assessment, plus any applicable fees, to the bureau as described in subdivision (1), the bureau shall remit the appropriate amount to the appropriate authority under IC 9-21-3.5 that is responsible for the collection of fines, charges, assessments, or fees for toll violations under IC 9-21-3.5.

**(c) Upon receiving notice, as described in IC 9-21-3.5-15(d), of the failure of an owner of a vehicle to pay a fine, charge, or other assessment for a toll violation documented under IC 9-21-3.5-12 or IC 9-21-3.5-14, the bureau shall withhold the annual registration of the vehicle that was used in the commission of the toll violation until the owner pays the fine, charge, or other assessment, plus any applicable fees, to:**

- (1) the operator of the private toll facility; or**
- (2) a person designated by the operator of the private toll facility to collect fines, charges, or other assessments for toll violations under IC 9-21-3.5;**

**as applicable. The bureau may impose a fee to reinstate an annual registration that was withheld under this subsection.**

**(d) The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section, including a rule to establish the amount of any fee imposed under subsection (c).**

SECTION 2. IC 9-21-3.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.47-2006, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "automated traffic law enforcement system" means a device that:

- (1) has one (1) or more motor vehicle sensors; and
- (2) is capable of producing a photographically recorded image of a motor vehicle, including an image of the vehicle's front or rear license plate, as the vehicle proceeds through a tollgate, toll zone, or other area on a tollway, qualifying project, **private toll facility**, or toll road that is marked as required by the department, the authority, or an operator as a place where a person using the tollway, qualifying project, **private toll facility**, or toll road must



1 pay a toll. or is otherwise subject to a fee for using the tollway;  
 2 qualifying project, or toll road.

3 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-3.5-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter, "fee"**  
 6 **means an amount assessed or imposed under:**

7 (1) rules adopted under section 10(a)(4) of this chapter; or

8 (2) section 14(a)(2) of this chapter;

9 **with respect to a toll violation.**

10 SECTION 4. IC 9-21-3.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.47-2006,  
 11 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "operator" has the**  
 13 **meaning set forth means:**

14 (1) with respect to a tollway, qualifying project, or toll road,  
 15 an operator (as defined in IC 8-15.5-2-5 or IC 8-15.7-2-11); or

16 (2) with respect to a private toll facility, a private entity that  
 17 owns or operates the private toll facility.

18 SECTION 5. IC 9-21-3.5-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 5.5. As used in this chapter,**  
 21 **"private toll facility" means any new or existing highway, street,**  
 22 **motorway, road, or bridge owned or operated by a private entity,**  
 23 **including all tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges,**  
 24 **entrance plazas, approaches, tollhouses, service stations, and**  
 25 **administration, storage, and other buildings and facilities**  
 26 **necessary or desirable for the operation of the private toll facility,**  
 27 **together with all property, rights, easements, and interests which**  
 28 **may be acquired by the private entity for the construction or**  
 29 **operation of the facility. "Private toll facility" includes any**  
 30 **subsequent improvement, betterment, enlargement, extension, or**  
 31 **reconstruction of an existing private toll facility.**

32 SECTION 6. IC 9-21-3.5-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 33 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "toll**  
 35 **violation" refers to the failure to pay a toll or user fee required**  
 36 **under section 9 or 9.1 of this chapter.**

37 SECTION 7. IC 9-21-3.5-9.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 38 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 9.1. The owner of a motor vehicle,**  
 40 **other than an authorized emergency vehicle, that is driven or**  
 41 **towed through or on a private toll facility shall pay the proper toll**  
 42 **or user fee.**



SECTION 8. IC 9-21-3.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.163-2011, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) The department or the authority may adopt and enforce rules concerning:

- (1) the placement and use of automated traffic law enforcement systems to enforce collection of user fees;
  - (2) required notification in the form of a citation to the owner of a vehicle used in the commission of a moving violation under section 9 of this chapter;
  - (3) the process for notification, collection, and enforcement of unpaid amounts;
  - (4) the amount of fines, charges, and assessments for toll violations, including, with respect to amounts unpaid by violators who are not subject to IC 9-18-2-17(b):
    - (A) contracting with a collection agency; and
    - (B) authorizing the collection agency in the contract for collection services to impose on and collect from the violator an additional collection fee; and
  - (5) other matters relating to automated traffic law enforcement systems that the department or the authority considers appropriate.
- (b) A rule adopted under subsection (a)(2) must establish:
- (1) a deadline for the department, authority, or operator, as applicable, to issue a citation to an owner of a vehicle used in the commission of a moving violation under section 9 of this chapter; and
  - (2) a deadline, not to exceed thirty (30) days following receipt of the citation as determined under section ~~12(b)(1)~~ **12(2)** of this chapter, for the owner to pay a fine, charge, or other assessment for the toll violation.

(c) The department **or the authority** shall establish a process by which the department, authority, or operator, as applicable, shall notify the bureau of an owner's failure to pay a fine, charge, or other assessment for a toll violation following the expiration of the deadline described in subsection (b)(2).

**(d) This section does not apply with respect to a private toll facility.**

SECTION 9. IC 9-21-3.5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.47-2006, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 11. **(a)** Before enforcing a rule adopted under section 10 of this chapter, the department, the authority, or an operator must install advance warning signs along the tollways, toll roads, or



qualifying projects proceeding to the location at which an automated traffic law enforcement system is located.

**(b) Before imposing or collecting a toll or fee under section 14 of this chapter, an operator must install advance warning signs along the private toll facility proceeding to the location at which an automated traffic law enforcement system is located.**

SECTION 10. IC 9-21-3.5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.47-2006, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. ~~(a)~~ In the ~~prosecution~~ enforcement of a toll violation, **including the collection of fees:**

**(1)** proof that the motor vehicle was driven or towed through the toll collection **or private toll** facility without payment of the proper toll **or user fee** may be shown by a video recording, a photograph, an electronic recording, or other appropriate evidence, including evidence obtained by an automated traffic law enforcement system;

~~(b) In the prosecution of a toll violation:~~

~~(1)~~ **(2)** it is presumed that any notice of nonpayment was received on the fifth day after the date of mailing; and

~~(2)~~ **(3)** a computer record of the department, the authority, or the operator ~~of~~ **regarding** the registered owner of the vehicle is prima facie evidence of its contents and that the toll violator was the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of the underlying event of nonpayment.

SECTION 11. IC 9-21-3.5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 14. **(a) The operator of a private toll facility may do the following:**

**(1) Fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls for the use of a private toll facility by any person, partnership, association, limited liability company, or corporation desiring the use of any part of the private toll facility, including the right of way adjoining the paved portion of the private toll facility. For purposes of this subdivision, the use of a private toll facility includes the placement of telephone, telegraph, electric, or power lines on any part of the private toll facility.**

**(2) Fix the terms, conditions, and rates of charge for use of the private toll facility, including fees for nonpayment of required tolls. However, a fee imposed for nonpayment of a required toll may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) for each unpaid toll.**

**(3) Collect tolls and fees through manual or nonmanual methods, including automated traffic law enforcement**



1 systems, automatic vehicle identification systems, electronic  
 2 toll collection systems, global positioning systems, and photo  
 3 or video based toll collection or toll collection enforcement  
 4 systems.

5 (b) The operator of a private toll facility may not impose a fee  
 6 under subsection (a)(2) for nonpayment of a required toll until the  
 7 operator has provided notice of the unpaid toll to the toll violator  
 8 in accordance with notice requirements published on the Internet  
 9 web site of the private toll facility. The operator shall include with  
 10 the notice of the unpaid toll a summary of the notice requirements  
 11 published on the Internet web site of the private toll facility.

12 SECTION 12. IC 9-21-3.5-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 15. (a) The operator of a private  
 15 toll facility may enter into an agreement with the bureau to obtain  
 16 information under IC 9-14-3 and IC 9-14-3.5 necessary to enforce  
 17 violations of section 9.1 of this chapter, including information  
 18 regarding the registered owner of a vehicle operated in violation of  
 19 section 9.1 of this chapter.

20 (b) The bureau may use any reciprocal arrangement that  
 21 applies to the bureau to obtain information for purposes of  
 22 subsection (a).

23 (c) An operator may use information provided under this  
 24 section only for the purposes of this section.

25 (d) The operator of a private toll facility shall inform the bureau  
 26 of the operator's process to notify the bureau of an owner's failure  
 27 to pay a fine, charge, fee, or other assessment for a toll violation  
 28 following the expiration of the deadline for payment of the fine,  
 29 charge, fee, or other assessment as set forth in the operator's notice  
 30 requirements published on the Internet web site of the private toll  
 31 facility under section 14(b) of this chapter.

32 SECTION 13. IC 9-29-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2014,  
 33 SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) The fee to obtain:

- 35 (1) a certified copy of a record; or  
 36 (2) an electronic record;

37 of the bureau under IC 9-14-3-4 is four dollars (\$4) for each document.  
 38 This fee is in addition to the uniform copying fee established under  
 39 IC 5-14-3-8. The fee shall be deposited in the motor vehicle highway  
 40 account.

41 (b) The fee imposed by this section does not apply to a law  
 42 enforcement agency, and an agency of government, or an operator (as





1 **defined in IC 9-21-3.5-4).**

2 (c) The bureau shall give precedence to requests from law  
3 enforcement agencies and agencies of government for certified copies  
4 of records.

5 SECTION 14. IC 9-29-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2014,  
6 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) The fee to obtain information regarding  
8 vehicle titles under IC 9-14-3-5 is four dollars (\$4) for each record  
9 requested, plus any service fee charged by the office of technology  
10 established by IC 4-13.1-2-1.

11 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the fee to obtain  
12 information regarding a license, vehicle registration, or permit under  
13 IC 9-14-3-5 is four dollars (\$4) for each record requested, plus any  
14 service fee charged by the office of technology established by  
15 IC 4-13.1-2-1.

16 (c) The fee to obtain a driver's license history under IC 9-14-3 is  
17 eight dollars (\$8) for each history requested, plus any service fee  
18 charged by the office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1.

19 (d) A fee imposed by this section and paid to the bureau is in lieu of  
20 fees established under IC 5-14-3-8 and does not apply to a law  
21 enforcement agency, ~~or~~ an agency of government, ~~or an operator~~ **(as**  
22 **defined in IC 9-21-3.5-4).**

23 (e) A fee imposed by this section shall be deposited in the motor  
24 vehicle highway account.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1397, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 4, line 16, after "applicable." insert "**The bureau may impose a fee to reinstate an annual registration that was withheld under this subsection.**

**(d) The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section, including a rule to establish the amount of any fee imposed under subsection (c).**"

Page 7, line 26, delete "three (3) times the amount of the" and insert "**fifty dollars (\$50) for each**".

Page 7, line 38, after "facility." insert "**The operator shall include with the notice of the unpaid toll a summary of the notice requirements published on the Internet web site of the private toll facility.**"

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1397 as introduced.)

SOLIDAY

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

